Fatwa No. 10802

Q : Please guide me! I live in Zambia, where there is a Muslim man claiming that he uses

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the Jinn. People visit him seeking treatment for their diseases by (the power of) the Jinn, is this permissible?

When I come to tell people that this is impermissible, they get angry with me. So, I hope that your Eminence would kindly send me the answer as soon as possible.

A: It is not permissible for this man to use Jinn. It is also not permissible for people to go to him and to follow his means for seeking treatment or fulfilling needs. Instead, they may resort to permissible methods of treatment by visiting doctors and taking permissible medication. This method is sufficient and free from the augury of soothsayers. It is authentically reported from the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) that he said: (Whoever visits a diviner and asks him about anything, his prayers extending to forty nights will not be accepted.)Narrated by Muslim in his Sahih (authentic book of Hadith). Also, the four compilers of Sunan Books of Hadith narrated thatthe Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("If anyone resorts to a diviner and believes in what he says, then he disbelieves in what was revealed to Muhammad." This Hadith is also narrated by Al-Hakim who judged it to be a Sahih Hadith.)This man along with his companions of Jinn are considered soothsayers and diviners. Therefore, it is not permissible to ask or believe them.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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